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Dear Judge,

I am(just) a personal user of computers and software since 1982. I have not read all the legal docs, but have followed the rise of the personal compugner industry for about two decades.

Microsoft has produced good products and bad products. The culture of Microsoft,(like the culture of Enron) is unhealthy: Before the death of Lotus 123, the Microsoft mantra was"DOS isn't done 'til Lotus won't run." The "winner take all, damn the ethics" attitude of MS might be tolerable if there were real competition in the operating system(OS) market. But there is no competition. No admission of guilt, no repentance. "Innovation" to Microsft is finding new ways to squeeze dollars out if the public.

Microsoft will **always** use its OS and browser monopoly to maintain and extend it's illegal monopolies.

If It's a monopoly, it must be regulated. But when has Microsft ever followed a judges' order or an anti-trust law it doesn't like?

Better, separate the OS/Browser business from the rest of Microsoft. THEN use a couple billion of MS illegal profits to fund at least two open source OS alternatives, like Lindows. (using all MS internal tech data)

IF there is real competition in the OS market, the public can choose to use or not to use MS products on their merits, not because the OS/Browser demands it.*

We don't want the Chinese Communists creating a Linux future for the Intel/AMD* PC do we?

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* There are no good analogies to the power the OS has over the consumer. What if GM were the only car maker in earth and it sold a car, but licensed the key? The key controlled the gas and brake and would only work properly if the car contained GM manufactured products. The car crashes a lot, but really crashes if not using GM tires, gas, oil, batteries etc. And the key quits working after 5 years. Break a key, out of luck. Just buy a new car and license the key
Car costs \$19,999.00. Key licences for \$1,990.00 for driving in the city, \$2,990.00 to go to the suburbs or out of state. (relative pricing of home vs prof versions.) If your spouse or kids want a key, they must buy a license,

too.

** With AMD battling Intel in the CPU market, hardware prices drop, with real choice. With the Microsoft OS Monopoly, forced upgrade prices rise. Let there be the end of software monopolies!!

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